

From Midfield By FRANK CALISE

Al Lightner, of the Oregon Statesman, remarked about Bocchi and the All-State line-ups. "Speaking of All-State hoopsters, the old bugaboo which actually makes a farce of the selection was certainly in evidence Saturday night after the title game. If anyone ever gave a gilded performance and belonged to the All-State first five it was Klamath Falls' Jim Bocchi. His 20 points and all-around floor game was the big reason why Baker got herself annihilated. But the All-State selections were made Saturday afternoon as usual, so naturally Bocchi's brilliant performance went for nothing as far as the mythical team was concerned. "Incidentally, Frank Ramsey warned us about his Bocchi Friday. 'When the chips are down he'll show you something,' predicted Frank and from experience, Bocchi showed us and the other 2399 fans jammed in the hoop hall something Saturday night all right."

Most of us do agree with Lightner on the "silly" way the coaches are picking the All-State teams every year and this may be another sterling example why the selections should be made immediately after the final game.

Wayne Scott disappeared quickly after the tournament final at Salem and we were not able to get in contact with him for his views and opinions of the Pelicans championship records. But we got him now. We asked Scott a few questions on his opinions on the tournament and the Baker team: "What was my opinion of the state tournament? I think that there is only one answer. The best team won. Was Baker a good team? Yes, Baker was by far the best team other than Klamath Falls that was in the tournament. These are the things that made our team the best. First of all we had five men on that ball club that had to be watched and accounted for at all times. We didn't have a couple of stars on the team that the opposition could concentrate their defense on. For example in the Eugene game the Eugene coach had his sons arranged to stop Bocchi and Cox. During the third quarter Welch scored seven points alone. Ford Mullen said after the game that he had never figured on that. In the Pendleton game Foster, who ordinarily doesn't score much, came through with ten points when they were needed. Saturday was Bocchi's day when he went through them, around them and over them to score 20 points which was a record for the number of points scored by one player in the championship game. Cox and Young were in there scoring all of the time which made it extremely hard for the opposition to know just who was going to score next."

CONTROL OF BACKBOARDS Secondly, we controlled both backboards in practically all of our games. This was where Baker was most surprised as well as a lot of sports writers. Baker had a tall and rugged team. They had always controlled the backboards and expected to do it against us. Young and Cox playing as they have all season took everything off the boards which was quite a deciding factor. When you can take the ball down the court and get several shots at the basket before you lose it you have a greater chance of scoring the basket. If the opponents get only one shot at the basket every time they take the ball down the court because they don't get it off the backboard, then they are going to have a hard time scoring very much.

PELICANS HARD AND TOUGH "The third thing was our condition. The boys who have trained well all season were in so much better shape that they had the opponents run ragged before the game was very old. They were just as tough and in just as good condition the third night when they played Baker as they were the first night when they played Eugene. They were driving just as hard the last minute of the ball game against Baker as they were the first. It is always easier when you have the condition and extra energy when the time comes. Poor condition and fatigue lead to poor defense and fouling. We capitalized on this fouling by making our foul shots as well as many of our opponents being sent to the showers with four personal fouls on them. We did not lose a single player on fouls and had only 19 fouls called on us in the three games which is, I believe, a record. That is an average of six and one-third fouls a ball game. Fouling is a result of two things. One as I mentioned above, fatigue which is shown in the second which is poor defense. If you play good defense and stay between your man and the basket you should have no trouble keeping your man from scoring and have very few fouls called. It is the poor defensive player who lets his man get past him and then tries to stop him from the side that has a lot of fouls called on him."

BAKER GAME—A PERFECT GAME "The fourth determining factor was that the boys were good competitors. When the chips were down, so to speak, was the time that they played their best ball. They didn't show too much against Eugene and Pendleton mainly because they knew that they could beat those teams and consequently weren't keyed up to playing any great game against them. In the championship game against Baker they played a PERFECT GAME. Their shooting average was good hitting, 23 out of 64 shots. They handled and passed the ball like a team of professionals. They didn't run around wildly but as soon as they got the ball they went right to work on their plays executing them beautifully. Usually the championship game is exciting only because of the thing that is at stake and not because it is well played. The Klamath Falls-Baker game was one of the best played championship games I have ever witnessed. They weren't tied up as teams usually are as shown by the seven points they scored in the first 57 seconds of the ball game. When a team can play ball like they did, when the chips are down and things are really at stake, then you have to hand it to them as being great competitors."

SPORTSMANSHIP "The fifth thing that helped win was the good sportsmanship and clean playing on the part of the players. The low number of fouls called on us is proof that the boys were playing clean ball. The conduct on the floor and off was without reproach. The officiating was very good with Lenchitsky, Heneges and Chappie King doing the whistle-toting. Each of them worked good games for us even though I wouldn't have blamed Chappie King if he hadn't after the way some of the Klamath fans treated him after the Klamath Falls-Vancouver football game. Everyone has his own opinion and mine is that maybe Chappie had a bad day and it is also very possible and probable that he could see some things that we couldn't see from our seats 50 yards away."

BOCCHI AND COX DESERVING "As to the all-state team, Foster was very deserving of the honor bestowed upon him. I feel as did the person making the awards, that he hated to do this because he knew it wasn't right. Bocchi and Cox were head and shoulders above any others and very deserving of that honor. Young and Welch should have received places on the second All-State team. The reason mainly responsible for the mix-up was that the selection was made Saturday noon instead of after Saturday night's games in which the boys plainly showed themselves tops. As far as I am concerned they are all on my All-State team."

WEEKEND FISHING

PORTLAND, March 19 (AP)—Fishing will be good in Curry and Coos county streams and in the lower Willamette river this weekend, the state game commission predicted today. These county reports were in the commission's weekly bulletin: CLACKAMAS—Salmon prospects good for this weekend in the Willamette. Some trout taken from Clackamas river. COLUMBIA—Columbia river yielding only a few salmon. Other streams poor. COOS—Good catches of steelhead and large trout reported from Coquille river. Ten mile lake yielding limit trout catches. Some steelhead being taken on upper streams. Bass fishing good. CURRY—Salmon being caught in Rogue river. Some bag limits of steelhead and trout reported from other streams. Clatsop and Tillamook counties reported poor fishing and Sillitoos lake offered the only angling in Lane county.



UO Express Opposition To PCC Split

ANSON B. CORNELL HAS COME OUTRIGHT WITH OPPOSITION TO DIVIDE SOUTH AND NORTH SPOKANE, March 19 (AP)—Only one of the six northern schools in the Pacific coast conference, the University of Oregon, has expressed outright opposition to dividing the conference football schedules into northern and southern divisions, states an article in the Spokesman-Review by Sports Editor Charles R. Stark, Jr. A telegraphic survey launched by Stark found a Washington State official doubting that even split play would be feasible; Montana State and Idaho favoring the split, and Oregon State non-committal. The University of Washington did not reply.

ANSON B. CORNELL, director of athletics, stated Oregon's position: "The University of Oregon believes that it is neither necessary or desirable under present travel conditions to abandon the present plan for intercollegiate football in the conference next fall and that it would be foolish to say what conditions will be like at that time."

Only Montana and Idaho came out strongly for more localized grid play.

13 Varsity Duck Cagers Get Letters

EUGENE, March 19 (AP)—Twelve of the 13 University of Oregon basketball players granted varsity letters last night by the student council after the recommendations of Coach Howard Hobson, are Oregonians. The lone out-of-stater was big Roger Wiley of Bremerton, was one of three freshmen given awards. The awarding of letters was under a more lenient plan this year because of war conditions and the probability that few if any of the players will return to collegiate hoop competition. Three-year awards were made to Captain Don Kirsch, Portland; Ralph Fuhrman, Coquille, and Warren Taylor, Banks. Two-year awards were given to Bob Wren, Portland; Bob Newland, Medford, and Wally Borrevik, Reedsport. First-year awards, besides Wiley, were given to Wal Reynolds, Portland; Sam Crowell, North Bend; Al Popick, Portland; Roy Seebord and Al Williamson, both Astoria, and Ed Dick, The Dalles. Dick and Williamson were the other freshmen members of the Oregon squad that finished second in the northern division circuit after a stretch drive that brought seven victories in the last nine games.

Jeff Heath Will Continue to Work At Shipyards

SEATTLE, March 19 (AP)—Rather than play baseball at a sharp salary cut, Outfielder Jeff Heath will continue to work at a shipyard here, he said last night in reporting he had returned unsigned the second contract sent him by the Cleveland Indians. He said the second offer was boosted from the original contract proposal of 40 per cent less than last year.

When in Medford Stay at HOTEL HOLLAND Thoroughly Modern Joe and Anne Earley Proprietors

Training Camp Briefs

By The Associated Press BEAR MOUNTAIN, N. Y., March 19 (AP)—Frank "Rube" Melton, righthander, has agreed to terms and will report to Manager Leo Durocher of the Brooklyn Dodgers today. Veterans Johnny Cooney and Paul Waner arrived last night. CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo.—New zest was added to the St. Louis Browns today when popular George McQuinn, first baseman, Veteran Catcher Rick Ferrell and Infielder Dan Gutteridge showed up for practice. Manager Luke Sewell said Infielder Don Heffner and Pitchers George Caster, Paul Dean and Bill Seinoth are expected to make their appearance in a day or two. FRENCH LICK, Ind.—Jimmy Dykes planned to order a work-out for his Chicago White Sox as soon as they reached their camp today. Arriving with Skipper Dykes from Chicago were Thornton Lee, Oral Grove; Don Koloway, Tom Turner, Ed Welland, Lee Ross, Jimmy Grant, Vincent Castino and Don Hanks, the latter a free agent lefthander. There are eight scratches on the roster issued four days ago. The most prominent is Dario Lodigiani, said to be in the army although the club has not heard from him. MEDFORD, Mass.—The big question in the camp of the Boston Red Sox right now is Bobby Doerr. Club officials are worried over a report that Doerr is planning to remain on his war job, and they acknowledge he returned his contract unsigned. Pitcher Yank Terry is the only other regular unsigned. LAKEWOOD, N. J.—The stocky little guy cavorting around first base at the New York-Giant camp yesterday was—Manager Mel Ott. "This doesn't mean the skipper plans to play that position. It just means no one else was available. However, Joe Oringo has arrived in camp, and upon learning Johnny Mize may not be available and Babe Barina doesn't fit the part, he announced he was ready to give the job the old college try. HERSCHE, Pa.—The Giants, Pirates and Braves are interested in Bobby Bragan, who doubled as shortstop and catcher for the Phils last year. However, Manager Bucky Harris said the Phils will make no further trades until Commissioner Landis has ruled on the Nick Etten case.

Washington State Claims Athletics Must Go On

PULLMAN, Wash., March 19 (AP)—Graduate Manager Earl Foster of Washington State college said today it "appears logical" the northern division should carry on its own schedule. Echoing the belief expressed by Arnold Eddy, University of Southern California graduate manager, that wartime travel restrictions would limit the scope of Pacific coast conference football, Foster predicted round-robin competition would be dropped at the June meeting of the conference. He declared the college athletic program "must be carried on, and yet in full cooperation with an intensified military program." "Football should be continued," he asserted, "for the morale of the students left in the schools, which is just as important an item as the morale of soldiers in bases and cantonments. With the great reductions in student bodies due to young men going into the armed forces, some drastic changes must be made." Foster saw a possibility that restrictions might go beyond the dividing of the conference football schedule into northern and southern divisions. "If even the northern division schedule can't be adopted, then schools will have to play purely local competition—like Washington State, Idaho and Montana getting together, and possibly meeting service teams which wish games," said Foster. "Next fall it is reasonable to believe there will be boys in school who wish to turn out for football. As long as we have the facilities to give them the sport without interference with the war effort we intend to continue, even if on a very limited basis."

BOWLING

Table with bowling scores for various leagues including Ladies League, Youth Club, and others.

Pep, Angott Collide for Mitt Tussle

By SID FEDER NEW YORK, March 19 (AP) Wee Willie Pep and swarthy Sammy Angott collide in Madison Square Garden tonight in a ten rounder that's billed as a non-title lightweight tussle—but on one believes that part. As a matter of fact, some of the better 49th street betting shoppes have quoted odds that the winner of this shindig—in which both fighters must come in under the 135-pound limit—will lay claim immediately to at least a portion of the world lightweight title and get some recognition for it. This, of course, would be a separate portion from the piece owned by Beau (the jumping) Jack, who received the New York State Athletic commission's blessing after Angott "abdicated" the crown last fall. The National Boxing Association has left the title open. Tonight's outing is Sammy's first since he decided to come back with "miraculously" cured hands. The crouching, crowding, mauling style of the squat little Pennsylvania Italian figures to produce the toughest hurdle for the all-time record 62-straight winning string Wee Willie has put together in his unbeaten career.

Sam Presti Listed as Missing

CHICAGO, March 19 (AP)—Sammy Lo Presti, former Chicago Blackhawk goalie, was on the navy's list of missing today—the first such casualty believed to have been suffered among the country's nationally known athletes now in the armed forces. The navy did not elaborate further regarding the 200 pound, 26-year-old hockey player from Eveleth, Minn., who once stopped 80 of 83 shots in a game at Boston for a National Hockey league record. But where his duties then as a goal tender were strictly defensive, friends indicated that in this instance, as a coast guardman, he might have been getting in a few licks of his own. Lo Presti was in charge of a gun crew on a merchant marine ship, according to recent word here.

Girls Swim Aces Attempt to Crack National Marks

PORTLAND, March 19 (AP)—Multnomah Athletic club girl swimming aces will attempt to crack two national records here Saturday and Sunday in the annual Oregon state swimming and diving championships. Nancy Merki, one of MAC's stars, is the favorite to win the 100-yard women's junior national breast stroke Saturday and Suzanne Zimmerman, another of the club's record-breaking girls, is the top contender in the 150-yard individual junior women's medley Sunday.

New York Yanks May Toss Their Pitcher to First Base

By JUDSON BAILEY ASBURY PARK, N. J., March 19 (AP)—The first baseman for the New York Yankees this year may be lanky John Lindell, who appears on their roster as a pitcher. This would be a strange swap in positions, although many years ago a player named George Sisler moved from the mound to the No. 1 sack with an adequate amount of success. The Yankee brain trusters decided last winter, before they brought Nick Etten from the Philles, to have Lindell make a try for first base this spring and to this end had him buy a mitt and work out at the position at his home in California. This turned out to be a smart move because the Etten deal has been placed in Commissioner Landis' lap and the Yankees aren't sure whether they have him. Discussing the problem today Manager Joe McCarthy said, "I'm going to shuffle Lindell around a lot this spring—at first in the outfield and on the mound, to see whether he can hit when he's in the lineup every day. When I know the answer to that, I'll know where to play him. I've seen him work around the bag and he can get along. Anybody can play first base, but my first baseman has got to be a hitter. It will take some time to find this out about Lindell. It will take right into the regular season because you can't find out any other way. "He batted .338 in 80 games in the coast league, but he seemed to have a fast ball and they made a pitcher out of him. He's lost that fast ball. I could tell it last season and the records show it, because even in his big year at Newark in 1941, when he won 23 games he only struck out about 100 men. "If he doesn't have a fast ball, then the thing to do is to find out if he can hit well enough to fit in somewhere else."

NIB Tourney Running to Usual Form

Favorite Knocked Off in First Round Last Night; Other First Round to Go NEW YORK, March 19 (AP)—The national invitation basketball tournament at Madison Square Garden is running true to its usual form. The favorite was knocked off in the first round last night. Creighton university, seeded No. 1 and undefeated in college competition this season, emerged on the small end of a 43-42 score in its game with the Washington and Jefferson quintet, seeded No. 8. Toledo, however, salvaged some glory for the favorites by defeating Manhattan, 54 to 47, putting on a fine display for the crowd of 16,285 in earning the right to meet W. & J. In the semifinals March 27. Washington and Jefferson took advantage of Creighton's errors to turn in the astonishing upset. Behind, 38 to 30, at the 10-minute mark of the closing period the Pennsylvanians slowly closed the gap, and tied the score at 41-all with three and one-half minutes remaining. Little Ted Mishal took a rebound a minute later to score the winning basket. Toledo's all-freshmen quintet put on a fine show in eliminating the youthful Jaspers of Manhattan. With Charles (Jackrabbit) Harmon setting the pace the Ohioans pulled away after the score had been tied seven times in the first 15 minutes and left the floor at the half with a 25-20 advantage. The Jaspers came back strongly and cut the margin to three points—40-37—but Toledo matched the rally with one of its own and never was seriously threatened again. The other two games of the first round will be played Monday night, with St. John's meeting Rice and Western Kentucky taking on Fordham.

Bocchi Leads Pelican Hoop Total of 276

In a final review of the Klamath Falls Pelicans championship basketball team for 22 games, Klamath scored 941 points to their opponents 522. The average points per game for Klamath 42.7 and the opponents 23.7. Totalling up fouls, the Pelicans had a low 8.1 per game. Out of 22 games Captain Jim Bocchi of the Pelican hoop team led his teammates with 276 points with Wilbur Welch second, with 201 tallies. The teams average went as follows:

Table with basketball player statistics including names, FG, FT, F, TP, and other metrics.



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